(a) whether Government have since finalised the guidelines for admissions to professional colleges and minority Educational Institutions as per the recent judgement of the Supreme Court in this regard; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government has approved Guidelines for regulating admissions and fees in Professional, unaided private Institutions in consonance with the judgements of the Supreme Court in Unnikrishnan Case. These are being shortly issued as AICTE Regulations under the AICTE Act.

Community participation in earthquake rehabilitation work

*478. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that community participation in the earthquake rehabilitation work in Maharashtra is in full swing and the programme for rehabilitation is going on at a faster pace; and

(b) if so, by when the rehabilitation of the people affected by the earthquake in 67 villages in the 13 districts of Maharashtra is likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR) : (a) Government of Maharashtra intends organising the construction programme in a manner that maximises the community and beneficiary participation at various stages. Village level committees have already been constituted to serve as the grass-root forum for community participation.

Construction work for permanent rehabilitation of earthquake affected persons is being carried out expeditiously.

(b) Rehabilitation project taken up with the assistance of the World Bank which includes economic, social and infrastructural reconstruction is expected to be completed by June, 1997.

UNDP study on Human Development Index in India

*479. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE :

SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether India falls way behind several other developing countries in human development index ratings according to a recent UNDP study as reported in the Times of India dated 25th February, 1994; and

(b) if so, what is the position held by India as per HDI ratings of UNDP; and how for Government's independent assessment agree with this study ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) and (b) According to UNDP's Human Development Report 1993, India ranks at 134th position out of 173 countries in terms of the Human Development Index and as such it does fall behind some developing countries. However, India's HDI ranking (134) is better than its GNP ranking (146), implying thereby that in social sectors, India has done better than its GNP performance. Moreover HDI value of India (0.309) and of South Asia (0.309) is identical.

An important goal of the VIIIth Five Year Plan is human development. Towards this end, the plan allocations in social sectors have been stepped up. Social sectors account for 24.58% of the VIIIth Plan outlay as compared with VII Plan outlay of 20.12.%

Construction of underground Railways in Major Cities

*480. SHRI M. A. BABY : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to construct

underground railway in the cities of Delhi, Bombay, Madras, Hyderabad, Bangalore and Kanpur in view of the tremendous traffic congestion in these cities and explosive growth of population;

(b) whether Government have already undertaken any survey for underground railways in the above cities and if so, the details therof indicating the result achieved;

(c) if not, what are the reasons, thereof, and

(d) whether Government would consider the possibility of undertaking the survey in the near future ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SHEILA KAUL) : (a) to (d) As far as Delhi is concerned, there is a proposal to introduce 27 kilometres of underground railway as part of Delhi Mass Rapid Transit System (MRTS) project. The proposal is based on a feasibility survey conduct by Rail India Technical & Economic Services. No final decision has been taken about the scheduling of the Mass Rapid Transit System Project which is estimated to cost about Rs 7500/- crores.

In regard to Bombay, Madras, Hyderabad and Bangalore, survey have not indicated the need for "underground railway" since surface/elevated rail systems would suffice.

As regards Kanpur, no feasibility study has been conducted for any rail-based metro transport system. Central assistance to a tune of 40% for undertaking a survey could be considered in the near future if a proposal is received.

COTTON PRODUCTION

5022. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total quantum of cotton production in the country and in which part of the country cotton is chiefly grown;

(b) whether any incentive is provided to the cotton growers of the country; and

(c) if so, indicate the total amount of incentive paid to the growers during the period 1992-93 and 1993-94?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) According to the present assessment, the production of cotton during 1993-94 is likely to be about 118.55 lakh bales of 170 Kgs. each. The major cotton growing States are Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Punjab, Rajasthan and Tamilnadu.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Under Intensive Cotton Development Programme (ICDP), amount released by Government of India (75% central share) during 1992-93 and 1993-94 was Rs. 961.7 lakh and Rs. 665.9 lakh respectively. Besides, cottan growers were given enough intensive in terms of higher minimum support prices which were increased by Rs. 105 and Rs. 100 per quintal during 1992-93 and 1993-94 respectively.

नीम पर आधारित कीटनाशकों का प्रयोग

5023. **श्री अजीत जोगी** : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि नीम पर आधारित कीटनाशकों के प्रयोग से उन कीटों पर प्रभावी नियंत्रण कर लिया गया है जिन पर वर्तमान उपलब्ध कीटनाशक अप्रभावी सिद्ध हुए हैं; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो नीम पर आधारित इन कीटनाशकों को प्रोत्साहन देने के लिए तथा प्राकृतिक खाद और कीटनाशकों पर आधारित कृषि को लोकप्रिय बनाने के लिए क्या कदम उठाए गए हैं ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एस. कृष्ण कुमार) : (क) नीम आधारित कीटनाशी कुछ ऐसे कीटों और कृमियों के प्रति कारगर पाए गए हैं जिनमें प्राय: कुछ रासायनिक कीटनाशियों के प्रति-रोधक क्षमता देखी गई है ।

(ख) इस संबंध में उठाए गए प्रमुख कदम निम्नलिखित हैं :—

1. नीम आधारित कीटनाशियों के फार्मूलेशन को बढावा देने के लिए पंजीकरण की प्रक्रिया को सरल बनाना;